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## Football Boosters Award Plaques



Gerry Mason, (64) and Mario Mercandante (25) hold the plaques they received from the Agawam Football Boosters Club, represented by Al Bonavita, center. Mason was choosed outstanding lineman for the Agawam-West Side game, while Mercandante was choosed outstanding back. photo by Jack Devine.

## Fire Department issues regulations for Christmas decorations

The Fire Prevention Bureau, through the office of Fire Chief Harry W. Schneider, issues the following decoration regulations for the Christmas season. Such rules and regulations are in accordance with Rule L, Section 28, Chapter 148, of the Massachusetts General Laws, and Board of Fire Prevention Regulations F.P.R.-20, Department of Public Safety.

These regulations apply to public buildings, places of assembly, hotels, family hotels, stores, public or private institutions, public or private school buildings, churches, theaters, special halls, public halls, or miscellaneous halls.

1. A natural tree shall not be

permitted. Only artificial flame retardant and metallic trees are permitted.

2. Artificial trees shall be flame proof or of flame resistant material. Such trees must carry a UL label or a label from a nationally recognized testing laboratory indicating that such trees have been tested and approved for use.

3. Trees shall not be over seven (7) feet in height.

4. Trees shall not be placed near any exit, stairway, or elevator shaft. All means of ingress and egress from the building must be maintained free, clear, and unobstructed at all times.

5. Trees must be placed away from all sources of heat.

6. A spotlight may be used to

light up the tree, providing it is kept a safe distance from the tree.

7. Smoking shall not be permitted in the vicinity of the tree.

8. Electric lights are not permitted on metallic trees.

9. Electric lights will be permitted on artificial flame retardant trees, provided that they are of low wattage.

10. All light strings and extension cords must be in proper condition and not frayed.

11. All paper streamers, cotton, and bunting, and all other decorations must be of flame retardant material.

12. All exits shall be properly lighted. Emergency lights shall be provided and be in proper working order.

## Shaer elected delegate

Mr. James Shaer of 630 Cooper Street, Agawam, was recently elected as a delegate from the First Congressional District to attend the Democratic Mid-Term Convention in Memphis, Tennessee, in December.

The Agawam Democratic Town Committee is raising funds to help meet Mr. Shaer's expenses for the trip.

A personal appeal is being made by the committee to all residents of the town who would like to make a donation. To enable this donation to be tax-deductible, a check should be made payable to the Agawam Democratic Town Committee. Please mail these checks to the treasurer, Adele Stevens, at 60 James Street, Feeding Hills, or to the chairman, Rudy Altobelli, at 43 Mill Street, Agawam.

The committee will sponsor a social hour for Mr. Shaer on Sunday, December 3 at 4 p.m. at the home of Committee Chairman Rudy Altobelli, 43 Mill Street, Agawam. Anyone who would like to meet Mr. Shaer before he leaves is welcome to attend.

## Agawam Advertiser/News announces new subscription policy

With winter fast approaching, and in anticipation of numerous delivery problems associated with the inclement weather, the Agawam Advertiser/News would like to announce its new subscription policy.

Beginning with the December 12, 1978 issue, the Agawam Advertiser/News will be sold on the newsstand for 15¢ per copy. A mail-delivered subscription will be available at the cost of \$5.50 per year, for fifty two issues. The subscription price will cover the cost of postage and handling, and will insure that subscribers receive their Agawam Advertiser/News promptly each week.

Your hometown newspaper is an important part of your daily life. The Advertiser/News brings you the best comprehensive local news coverage available. We are the people's newspaper, your eyes and ears on the social, sporting, political and cultural happenings in Agawam. We offer a wide range of weekly news along with extensive photo layouts of you, your children, and your neighbors.

A number of our community's organizations have kindly offered to solicit subscriptions to the Agawam Advertiser/News as a part of their fund raising activities. You may purchase your subscription from them when they contact you, or you may obtain one from our office directly. Either way you will be making a wise investment - you will keep your hometown newspaper alive and well, and we in turn will make every effort to serve community in the manner which it deserves. (see page 8 for further details)

## Lack of experience caused accident, death

Lack of experience and excessive speed resulted in the death of a 21-year-old Springfield woman at 7:09 last Monday night.

The vehicle, operated by Donna Marie Lennon, left Rte. 57 at the Agawam-Southwick line and careened down the wooded embankment coming to rest against a group of large trees.

Under the supervision of Fred Harpin, Kenneth Avondo, and Gary Schnieder, all of the Agawam Fire

Department, the jaws of life and a chain saw were used to extricate the victim. They were assisted by members of the Southwick Fire Department, and this cooperation was greatly appreciated.

Needless accidents like this are a waste of human lives. The Agawam Firefighters Local 1973 urge all travelers to use caution while driving, particularly with winter conditions upon us.

## OOPS!

We forgot to give Rita White of Agawam credit for the fine story she wrote in last week's edition on the Country Mouse House. Many of our readers have asked who wrote the article - sorry for the omission.

## Children's Book Week programs termed 'a success'

The Agawam Libraries recently celebrated Children's Book Week with daily story hours which drew enthusiastic participation and excellent attendance from elementary school students.

Community support throughout these programs has been most appreciated. The Library staff extends sincere thanks to the Agawam Junior Women's Club and to

Mrs. Penny Stone, Education Chairman, for donating books for each child to keep, for making more than eighty finger puppets, and especially for actively participating in the planning and presentation of the week's events. We are also grateful to the Agawam Advertiser/News for continually giving excellent coverage to all of our children's programs.

Public response to our recent series of after-school storytimes has proven to us that Agawam parents and children welcome this kind of programming. The community support we have been receiving from both individuals and organizations encourages us to plan on being able to offer many more such services to our community in the future.

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The fourth grades at Robinson Park School recently presented the Story of Thanksgiving for schoolmates and parents. photo by Jack Devine.



# Home Box Office Listings

## FRIDAY DECEMBER 1

5:00 A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC (PG-2:04)  
7:00 Football: INSIDE THE NFL  
8:00 THE PACK (PG-1:39)  
10:00 Standing Room Only: AT THE FAIR  
11:30 A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC (PG-2:04)  
1:30 UP CLOSE

## SATURDAY DECEMBER 2

2:30 CROSSED SWORDS (PG-1:53)  
4:30 Football: INSIDE THE NFL  
5:30 THE SPY WHO LOVED ME (PG-2:05)  
8:00 KENNY & CO. (PG-1:30)  
9:30 EQUUS (R-2:18)  
12:00 THE SPY WHO LOVED ME (PG-2:05)

## SUNDAY DECEMBER 3

2:00 PONY EXPRESS RIDER (G-1:40)  
4:00 THE MEDUSA TOUCH (PG-1:50)  
6:00 THE WHITE BUFFALO (PG-1:37)  
8:00 COMA (PG-1:52)  
10:00 On Location: KING GOES TO QUEENS  
11:00 THE MEDUSA TOUCH (PG-1:50)  
1:00 On Location: KING GOES TO QUEENS

## MONDAY DECEMBER 4

5:30 ANOTHER MAN, ANOTHER CHANCE (PG-2:08)  
8:00 THE PACK (PG-1:39)  
10:00 A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC (PG-2:04)  
12:00 SHAMPOO (R-1:52)

## TUESDAY DECEMBER 5

6:00 PONY EXPRESS RIDER (G-1:40)  
8:00 JULIA (PG-1:56)  
10:00 College Basketball: SAN DIEGO STATE at SAN FRANCISCO (LIVE)  
12:00 On Location: KING GOES TO QUEENS

## WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6

5:30 THE SPY WHO LOVED ME (PG-2:05)  
8:00 UP CLOSE  
9:00 COUSIN COUSINE (R-1:36) (Dubbed)  
11:00 ACROSS 110th STREET (R-1:42)

# Jr. Women to host sweater party

Watch out, Mrs. B.! Here come the Agawam Juniors!

On Thursday, November 30, at 7:30 p.m., the Agawam Junior Women's Club will hold a special Sweater Party at the Capt. Leonard House on Main Street. Mrs. Marty Baillargeon of the Poor Man's Shop in Southwick will be on hand with a large array of women's sweaters valued between \$21 and \$32 - all marked to a low \$7! There will also be a selection of men's and children's sweaters marked at \$7.

Come and join the fun, make a fabulous buy for yourself, and support the philanthropies of the Agawam Junior Women's Club, MSFWC.

# Vagabond Square Dance Club to meet

The Vagabond Square Dance Club will feature Lou Taddia calling their Beginners Ball Square Dance on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 8 p.m. The dance will be held at Our Lady of Hope Church, Armory Street, Springfield. All beginner class members as well as all western style dancers are welcome to attend.

# Obituaries

## Wilfred O. Regnier

Wilfred O. Regnier, 85, of 669 Mill Street, Feeding Hills, died last weekend. He had lived in Feeding Hills for 51 years.

Mr. Regnier was employed for 51 years at the T. J. Regnier Leather Goods Co., the first harness shop in Springfield.

He leaves his widow, Florence (Burnett) Regnier, and five of his six children, Mrs. Clara Bertocchi of West Springfield, Mrs. June Piccin of Westfield, Wilfred Regnier, Jr., of East Longadow, Edgar Regnier of Feeding Hills, and Richard Regnier of Feeding Hills. He also leaves 25 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

## Agawam School Lunch Menu

Wednesday, Nov. 29 - Apple juice, ziti shells with meat sauce, Italian bread and butter, creamy cole slaw, cherry jello w/whipped topping, milk.

Thursday, Nov. 30 - Oven-roasted chicken, whipped potatoes, cranberry sauce, buttered mixed vegetables, whole wheat bread and butter, pistachio pudding w/whip topping, milk.

Friday, Dec. 1 - Filet of haddock, tartar sauce, ketchup, oven French fries, buttered kernel corn, ice cream, milk.

Monday, Dec. 4 - Fruit juice, Pizza w/ cheese topping, tossed salad w/ spinach greens, Frening, chilled pineapple in syrup, milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 5 - Vegetable soup, hamburger on roll, buttered green beans, ketchup and mustard, petite banana, milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 6 - Steamed frankfurt in roll, oven baked beans, mustard & relish, buttered 7-minute cabbage, choc. wacky cake w/vanilla icing, milk.

Thursday, Dec. 7 - White meat turkey in gravy on whipped potatoes, buttered carrots, cranberry sauce, rye bread and butter, dessert, milk.

Friday, Dec. 8 - Meatball grinder w/tomato sauce, buttered corn niblets, apple crisp, milk.

## Southwick School Lunch Menu

Wednesday, Nov. 29 - Open face cheese sandwich/tomato and bacon, potato chips, buttered corn, fresh apple, milk.

Thursday, Nov. 30 - Barbequed chicken, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, brownie, bread and butter, milk.

Friday, Dec. 1 - Cheese pizza, buttered green beans, tossed salad w/dressing, chilled peaches, milk.

Monday, Dec. 4 - Turkey salad on roll, buttered corn, fresh banana, nut cup, milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 6 - Homemade beef stew, saltines, cheese cubes, bread and butter, jello w/fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 6 - Chicken and noodles, buttered peas, popeye salad, bread and butter, Dessert cook's choice, milk.

Thursday, Dec. 7 - Hamburg on bun, catsup, mustard, pickle slices, French fries, lettuce and tomato salad, chilled cinnamon applesauce, milk.

Friday, Dec. 8 - Golden fried fish, tartar sauce, hot buttered vegetables, chilled pineapple, bread and butter, milk.

## Agawam Senior Center Wright Street

11/29: Chicken legs barbequed, potato puffs, squash, jello  
11/30: Hamburg patties, scalloped potatoes, carrots and peas, plums  
12/1: Fish, rice, spinach, sheet cake w/frosting

Monday, Dec. 4 - Corned beef hash, cottage cheese, peaches  
Tuesday, Dec. 5 - Veal patties, sweet-sour beets, noodles, banana.

Wednesday, Dec. 6 - Pot roast, shredded potatoes, corn, cookies

Thursday, Dec. 7 - Lasagna, cole slaw, vanilla pudding

Friday, Dec. 8 - Clam chowder, rolls w/cheese, pineapple upside-down cake.

If you are interested in getting the pneumonia vaccine (\$5.00), please sign up as quickly as possible. There seems to be renewed interest in it, so we are trying again to get at least 50 people signed up, so we can go ahead and order the vaccine.

We all would like to thank Vera Conlin for the beautiful concert she gave us in spite of the dismal weather.

# PHIL'S PIZZA HOUSE

•Fried Chicken

•Grinders

•Pizza

•Greek Salad

•Spaghetti

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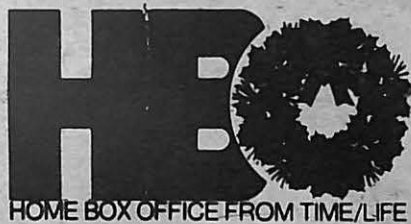
Fri-Sat 11AM-Midnight Sun 11AM-10PM

## Guidance program offered

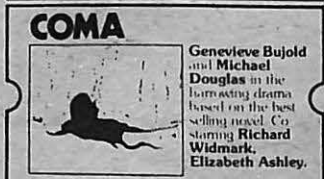
The Guidance Department at Agawam High School will present an informational program on Thursday, December 7 between the hours of 7 and 9 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Parents of juniors and seniors are invited and information will be available concerning college financial aid, careers, testing, and college application procedures.

Following the presentation, the high school counselors will be available for individual questions.



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According to the town postmasters, customers can be more assured that their gifts will arrive in good condition if the following packaging tips are followed.

A single item in a package should be cushioned with shredded papers, excelsior, compressed tissue paper, cloth, or expanded plastic foam. If two or more items are in the same carton, cushioning material should protect items from contact with each other, and each item should have its own individual inner carton.

Fiberboard containers, including large soap, cereal boxes, etc. larger than the gift being mailed, should be cut down to about the size of the gift to minimize shifting of contents in transit. However, breakable items should have at least one inch of clearance between the sides of the boxes and the item to provide adequate room for cushioning.

Fiberboard should have "pound test" strength of at least 175. This is usually shown in the box maker's certificate on the bottom of the box.

Fragile articles must be individually cushioned, and all four sides of the container should be padded with cushioning material.

Tape used to close the containers should be reinforced and should cover and firmly secure all flaps.

When paper must be used for the outer wrapping, it should be at least equal in quality and strength to the kraft stock used for grocery bags. However, it is preferable that paper wrappings be omitted if the box itself

constitutes an adequate shipping container.

Proper packaging is particularly important for books and records. Because of their weight, books should be cushioned so they cannot shift within the box. It is not desirable to ship more than 25 pounds of books in one package.

The thin, long-playing records should be placed in a carton which is at least one-fourth of an inch thick.

Each package should contain the name and address of the person to whom it is being mailed inside the package as well as outside. An address contained inside is assurance that it will be received promptly even if the outside address should become lost or obliterated.

Be sure to put your return address on the package.

And, finally, address the

package correctly and legibly so that it can be read at two feet. Be sure to include the ZIP CODE. Call the post office if you don't know the ZIP CODE. Mail with the proper ZIP CODE is processed more rapidly.

When addressing mail to a foreign country, be sure to spell out the country's name in full. Do not abbreviate.

Be sure to put only one mailing address on the outside of the parcel. Do not address more than one side.

## Marriage Encounter weekend offered

A Marriage Encounter weekend, geared to enrich husband-wife communication, will be conducted for married couples December 8-10 at the Passionist Retreat House, West Springfield, Mass.

What is Marriage Encounter? Not a sensitivity course, not a problem-solving

weekend, but a positive approach to husband-wife communication in a comfortable and peaceful atmosphere.

The weekend will begin at 8 p.m. Friday and end at 5 p.m. on Sunday. Babysitting services are available.

For a free brochure, call the Passionist Retreat House at 736-5458.

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WITH \$10.00 PURCHASE	WITH \$10.00 PURCHASE
Sweet Life Mushrooms stems & pieces 4 oz cans 3/\$1.00	Campbell's Vegetable Soup 10 oz cans 5/\$1.00
WITH \$10.00 PURCHASE	WITH \$10.00 PURCHASE



# Social

## Roast beef supper at Feeding Hills Congregational Church

A roast beef supper and bazaar will be sponsored by peration Friendship at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church on Saturday, December 2 with continuous servings from 5 to 7 p.m.

Tickets will be \$3.75 for adults and \$1.75 for children. For reservations, please contact Mrs. John Timms at 786-2958 or Mrs. Lyman Simpson at 786-2496.

## St. John's Annual Christmas Bazaar

Come one, come all. Do your Christmas shopping at St. John's annual Christmas Bazaar to be held at the parish center, 823 Main Street, Agawam. When? Saturday, December 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mrs. Arthur Fortier, chairperson, is being assisted by many talented women. Chairing the various booths are Mrs. Russell Morgan, attic treasures; Mrs. Philip

Malinoski, candy booth; Mrs. John M. Morin, Christmas booth; Mrs. William Beaudry and Mrs. Stanley Ciempa, Christmas wrapping; Mrs. Phillip Cardone, doll booth; Mrs. Russell Morgan, food basket; Mrs. James Davis, home decorations; and Mrs. Joseph Cancelliere, jewelry.

Also, Mrs. Ernest Marino and Mrs. Paul Ross, kitchen kapers; Mrs. Richard E. Gingras and Mrs. Thomas J. McGovern, knitting; Mrs. James Doyle, needle and thread; Mrs. Walter Chmura, raffle; Mrs. Joseph Lovotti, snack bar; and Mrs. James A. O'Keefe, Jr., toy booth.

Santa will put in an appearance, and the snack bar will offer sandwiches, pastries, and beverages. Raffle prizes, to be awarded at 3 p.m., include special gifts of \$300, \$150, and \$75 plus a food basket and several other attractive items.

Come and see for yourself the many outstanding displays and bargains. Sponsored by the Agawam Catholic Women's Club, this event is to raise funds for the club's annual cash gift to the church.



## Susan Baker Weds Stephen Atwater

The marriage of Susan Mary Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Baker of East Longmeadow, and Stephen Kent Atwater, son of Mrs. Harold C. Atwater Jr. and the late Mr. Atwater, took place on Saturday, November 25, 1978, at the First Baptist Church, East Longmeadow.

The Rev. Bernard Hughes officiated at the double-ring, candlelight ceremony.

Serving as matron of honor was Mrs. Michael W. Garber, sister of the bride, and as maid of honor, Linda Simon. Bridesmaids were Cynthia Atwater, sister of the groom, Brenda Baker, sister of the bride, Ruth Bradford, and Deborah Huber.

Serving as best man was Donald Wheeler. Ushers were

Harold C. Atwater, brother of the groom, Allan Har, Dennis Hopkins, Gary DeSimone, and Jon Anderson.

A reception followed the ceremony at the Elmcrest Country Club in East Longmeadow.

The bride is a graduate of East Longmeadow High School and Colby-Sawyer College, New London, N. H. She is employed at Bioran Laboratories, Springfield.

The groom is a graduate of Agawam High School and Babson College, Wellesley, Mass. He is employed by Smith and Wesson, Inc., Springfield.

Following a wedding trip to Vermont, the couple will reside in Vermont, the couple will reside in Agawam.

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## Jaycees to hold blood-mobile

The Agawam Jaycees are sponsoring a Red Cross Bloodmobile at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, on Saturday, December 9th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

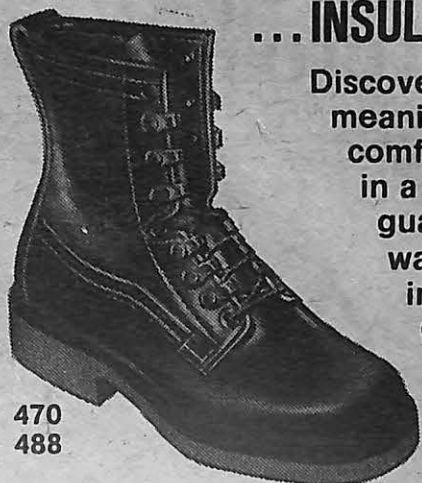
Donors should be in good health, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be between the ages of 18 (17 with written parental consent) and 65. A regular meal should be eaten within four hours of donation.

Appointments may be made by calling the Red Cross Chapter House at 737-4300. Walk-ins are most welcome. This holiday season, give the gift of life. Give blood.

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## Lifelong Agawam resident celebrates 104th birthday

Mrs. Edith Blaisdell Crouss celebrated her 104th birthday recently at Heritage Hall Nursing Home in Agawam.

Born November 11, 1874, she has been a life-long resident of Agawam, and has been presented the gold-headed cane from the Town, which is held by the oldest resident of the community.

Mrs. Crouss is the daughter of the late Horace D. and Sarah Smith Blaisdell, who came to Agawam in 1870 from Richford, Vermont. Her

father was a Civil War veteran.

After she married Willard C. Crouss in 1899, they purchased a 48-acre farm at Suffield and Mill Streets and resided there for 50 years until the death of Mr. Crouss.

Mrs. Crouss has two daughters still living in Agawam, Mrs. Lucille Gosse of School Street and Mrs. Anna Pond of River Vista Apartments, Main Street.

## Clearinghouse contributions listed

During the previous week, the following organizations and individuals have made donations to the Agawam Clearinghouse project:

Baystate Medical Center - Student Nurse Class - 5 full boxes of canned and boxed goods.

Agawam Garden Club - \$25  
Agawam Catholic Women's Club - \$25

Agawam Baptist Church - \$25 and several bags of mixed groceries for Thanksgiving, w/pledge of same for Christmas.

Sunshine Circle, Agawam Baptist Church - pledge to provide new, warm clothing for an entire family's Christmas basket.

Agawam Women's Club - members will each sponsor a child with a gift rather than exchange at their annual Christmas party.

Agawam Public Market - 2 cases of mixed groceries and cheese.

Langone family, 417 Shoemaker Lane - large bag of mixed groceries.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Mickey - a large turkey for a Thanksgiving family

## Babysitters for handicapped complete course

The Agawam Jaycee-ettes are proud to announce that babysitting training for the handicapped is nearing a successful completion. By Nov. 29th, over 25 young women will have completed training in the following areas: babysitting techniques, communication skills, sensitivity training, different behaviors facing a sitter, fire safety, first aid, babysitting the deaf child, and physical therapy.

The Jaycee-ettes would like to thank the Citizens Advocacy and the Association for the Support of Human Services, Inc. for all their help. Without their help,

this program could not have been run.

Also, thank you to the young women who gave up two months of their time to take this course to help someone less fortunate.

At this time, we would like to invite you to join us on Wednesday, Dec. 6th, at the Agawam Junior High School, room 107 at 7 p.m. This will be your opportunity to meet with these girls and get to know them a little better. Please feel free to bring your child. Coffee will be served and the affair will be informal.

For further information, please call Marie Ferris, 786-5113.

## Newcomers Club to meet Fire Safety for

The Agawam-West-The Agawam-West Springfield Newcomers Club will hold its annual Christmas Pot Luck Supper on December 5th at the Capt. Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam.

All women new to the area are invited to attend what should be an enjoyable evening. Following our supper will be an old-fashioned Yankee Swap.

For more information, please call 786-8532 or 786-7648.

## Robinson PTO

This month's Robinson Park School PTO's meeting will be on Thursday, Nov. 30, at 7:30 p.m. The topic of the evening will be fire safety.

Deputy Chief Jenks of the Agawam Fire Department will present a two-part, multimedia program on wood-burning stoves and smoke detectors. There will be a slide show, an open-panel discussion, and a question-and-answer period on both subjects.

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Whether you are on the giving or receiving end of a holiday plant this Christmas, you'll find informative a presentation by Ron Kujawski, Extension Horticulturalist, on various types of traditional decorative plants available during the holiday season. Tips on the selection and care of poinsettia, Christmas cactus, begonia and other choice

flowering plants will be featured.

Mark the date and time on your calendar: Wednesday, November 29th from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the Hampden County Extension Offices, 1499 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield. Admission is free and the program is open to the public without regard to race, color, or national origin.

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# Southwick



Library aid Bernadina Battistoni demonstrates the new 3M copier recently acquired by the Southwick Library. photo by Linda McQuade.

## New copier for public library

Through the Elizabeth Davis Memorial Fund and the help of an anonymous donor, a new 3M Copier has been presented to the Southwick Public Library on College Highway.

The machine can be used by the public at 10¢ per copy for any document up to 8 x 10 inches.

The copier is available for use during regular library hours. These hours are

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 2-5:30 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.; Thursday, 7-9 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 2-5:30 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.; and on Saturday, 2-5:30 p.m.

## Women's Club attends 'Community Improvement Program'

Mrs. Herbert C. Pace, Jr., 14th District Community Improvement Program Chairman of the Mass. Federation of Women's Clubs, recently conducted a workshop at the Capt. Leonard House in Agawam for the presidents and community service chairmen of the clubs in the 14th District.

The Community Improvement Program is co-sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs and Sears, Roebuck and Co. It is a nationwide program of community action based on community need.

In this program a club is encouraged either to continue a good, on-going project that

is still needed or to investigate local needs and design a program of action to meet those needs. The C.I.P. advocates full use of resources and cooperation of other organizations, agencies, groups, and individuals. It covers a two-year period from June, 1978, to May 31, 1980.

It began in 1955, and the program includes training in community development through the cooperation of the Community Development Division of the National University Extension Association.

Mrs. Pace had the privilege as C.I.P. district chairman of attending a two-day seminar in Philadelphia last August.

## Southwick High yearbook now available

The Southwick High School yearbook, *Scanner-1978*, is now available in the main office at the high school. The *Scanner* may be obtained any day from 1 to 3 p.m., according to Miss Ann Murphy, yearbook advisor.

Graduates of the class of 1978 are reminded to present their receipts to facilitate yearbook distribution.

"Anyone wishing to pick up the *Scanner* for another person must present that person's receipt or written permis-

sion," advises Miss Murphy. A few yearbooks are available for purchase at a cost of \$8.75 per book. Those who wish to purchase a lasting record of the year 1978 at Southwick High School are urged to take advantage of this opportunity.

The Class of 1978 senior picture is also available for those students who ordered it. There are also a few extra copies of this photograph which may be purchased for \$2.50 per copy.

## Parents warned: 'No shots, no school' -immunization clinic to be held

A warning has been issued to all parents or guardians whose children have been given letters regarding their immunization standing - those who have not complied with the law as of Nov. 22 will be excluded from school until a recheck is made. They will be allowed to return to school only with a letter from their doctor indicating with dates when they were immunized.

There will be an immunization clinic Dec. 2 at the Town Hall in Granville, to which any students in Southwick who need shots have been invited.

The clinics in Southwick for boosters and other shots will be held at the usual times of year starting in March, time and dates to be announced later.

## Dogs available for adoption

Southwick Dog Officer Gene Steward has announced that the following dogs are available for adoption. According to state law, female dogs must be spayed or arrangements made for spaying when the dog is of age.

A male part-Doberman, less than 1 year old, mostly black and of large size. Found as stray on Loomis St. and had chain choke collar on.

A small, female part-Dachshund, brown with short hair. Found as stray with brown collar on.

A very young, female Shepherd/Elkhound pup, very clean, brown with black nose markings. Found as stray at Lakeview Village. A medium sized, female part-Collie, white with tan on back, very quiet, loves playing in water. Found near Westfield line with part of chain around neck.

A young male Golden/Setter mix, needs training. Found as stray on Hillside Rd. with no collar.

A young, female St. Bernard mix, nice and gentle. Found as stray at Southwick High with leather collar and piece of rope.

A small, male Brittany Spaniel, liver color and white. Found tied out as stray on Granville Rd. with heavy collar and good-looking leash.

## Southwick Grange to meet

The Southwick Grange will hold its next regular meeting at the Grange Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 8 p.m. with Gerald Celley, master, presiding.

It will be a Pink and Green Sash Night, and the Southwick Afternotes will entertain.

Refreshments are in the charge of John and Pauline Viel.

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### NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION HARD ROCK REALTY CORP.

By Vote of its duly elected Board of Directors it was determined to dissolve HARD ROCK REALTY CORP. as of November 3, 1978 in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 156B, Section 100.

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## Classes set for Southwick Adult Ed

James Vincent, director of Southwick Adult Evening Education, has announced the results of last week's registration.

Classes to be held definitely on Monday evening are creative stitchery, woodwork, first aid, Spanish, and photography.

Thursday evening woodworking will definitely be held.

Monday and Thursday aerobic exercises for women will also be held.

Openings still remain in creative stitchery, Spanish, photography, aerobic exercises, and the Thursday woodworking class.

If anyone is interested, please call 569-6379 or 569-6171. Classes begin Monday, November 27 and Thursday, November 30.

**Wanted: Southwick Reporter**  
Call 786-7747.

## Agawam Town Hall Bulletin Board



## School Committee

There will be a meeting of the Agawam School Committee on Tuesday, November 28 at 7 p.m. at the superintendent of schools' meeting room at the Agawam Junior High School.

## Housing Authority

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23 of Chapter 39 of the General Laws, as amended (C. 626, Acts 1958 and C. 303, Acts 1975), that a special meeting of the Agawam Housing Authority will be held at

## Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals will hold a hearing in the Hearing Room of the Town Administration Building beginning at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 20, 1978.

## Planning Board

The Agawam Planning Board has scheduled a special meeting on Thursday, November 30, 1978, at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Board Office, 36 Main Street, Agawam.

## Museum seeks volunteers

The Springfield Science Museum needs volunteers to instruct young children in a series of special lesson programs for visiting preschool groups. The program being offered is called "The Five Senses," and it will be held on weekday mornings. There will be a short instructor training program and also a short internship.

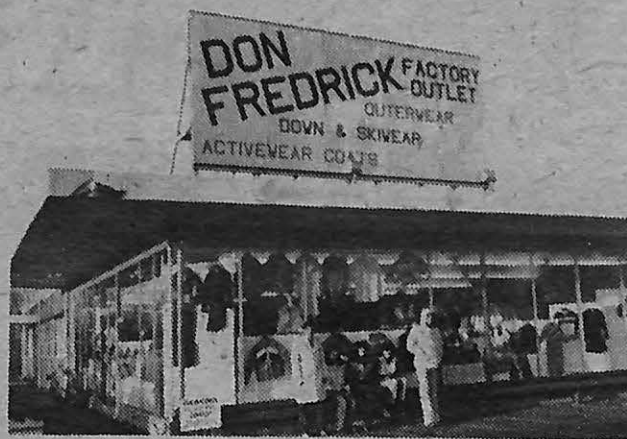
If you are interested and you want to have a positive impact on these children as an instructor, you can get further information by calling the Education Dept. of the Science Museum at 732-4317 or 732-7911.

## Don Fredrick factory outlet

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Don Fredrick's is a new factory outlet store merchandising down-filled outerwear. The business is owned by Fred Aramony Sr., and approximately 60% of its merchandise comes from its own factory, Sports Guide Manufacturing Co. in Worcester.

The Sports Guide factory makes the clothing in the back of its building and uses the front part of the building to sell their goods.

The recently-opened store at the South End Bridge rotary is the only outlet in the Western Massachusetts area. They receive daily shipments from the Worcester factory



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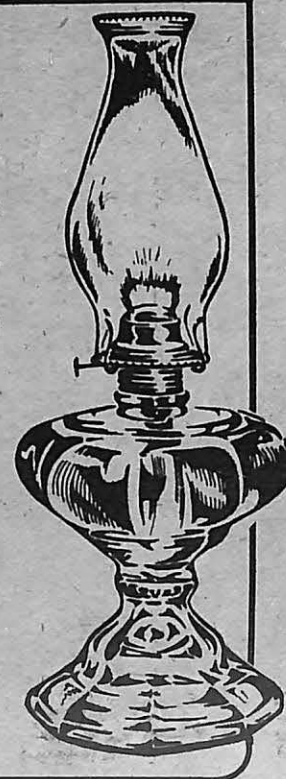
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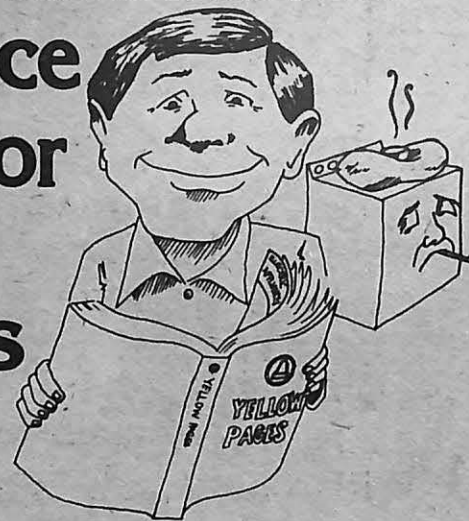
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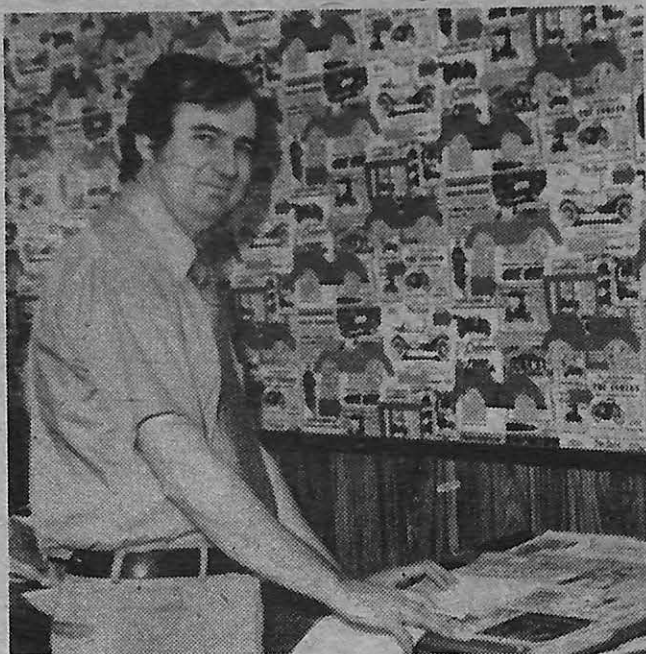
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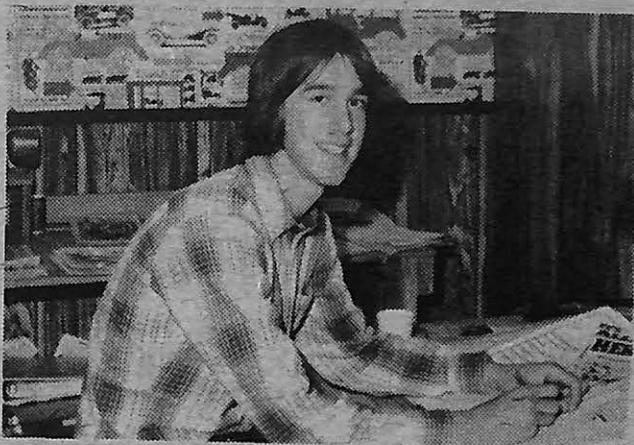
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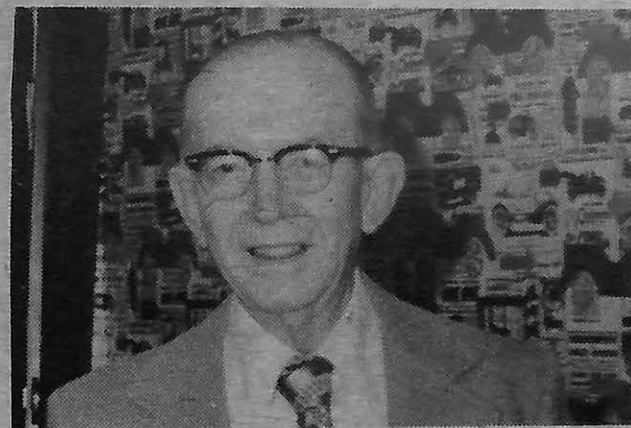
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### To the Editor:

The November 21st issue of the *Agawam Advertiser* carried two letters to the editor.

A "Feeding Hills resident" spoke of the need for a second library I would like to ask the people of Agawam if they can name towns of our size that have more than one library. Furthermore, the new library is located in the geographic center of our town; hence, it should be easily accessible to all residents.

The second letter dealt with the closing of the North Agawam fire station. In my opinion, the closing of this station should cause no more hardship on the fire department in reaching the North Agawam area than it now has in reaching our newly developed areas.

Furthermore the fire department union president stated that the town of West Springfield would not come over to Agawam to help out in case of a fire unless the town of Agawam first negotiates with him on the town ambulance. I was glad to see that the Selectmen of West Springfield stated that no such order was issued and said they would come to the aid of any of the neighboring communities.

Next, I noticed that the fire department union president seems to have taken it upon himself to dictate what stations should be opened or closed and how many men we need to operate our ambulance. Perhaps it is now the time to appoint a Fire Commission which will investigate and determine what our fire department

really needs. I think they will find that we are carrying a much heavier fire department than we need to maintain the present fire insurance rating. I, like many of my fellow taxpayers, am fed up with paying for luxury we do not need and cannot afford.

In closing, I would like to compliment Town Manager Peter Caputo for having the strength to stand up to these few pressure groups. Mr. Caputo is trying to save money for the taxpayers of Agawam, and I, for one, congratulate him.

B. Edward Dahdah

### To the Editor:

As another concerned citizen in the late 1960's, early 1970's, I became very much involved in the area-wide anti-drug movement. This meant first attending meetings conducted by police, pharmaceutical people, and narcotic agents, to gain knowledge which was quick and effective. It meant listening to youth in rap sessions from this area. Their reasons for turning to drugs

then were not much different then were much different from those turning to drugs now.

The youth of the late 1960's were suffering from the effects of the assassinations of both black and white leaders they believed in. They were easy to help and reach through support programs like Check Line, Insight 70, Dunbar Community Center, and SPAN.

Since I was forced to leave Agawam after years of harassment, I have also lost contact with both youth and adults who need all the help and support they can get to fight this cult, which is adult-managed, using youths to keep it going.

All I can say is fight funding cuts which would do away with the programs needed. Support town ministers who are also knowledgeable on the dangers of drugs, excesses in alcohol, and can offer youth new dedications.

Liz Conway  
Longtime resident of Agawam



## Our Feathered Friends

by Mary Os

Northern shrikes, or butcher birds, as they are sometimes called, are winter visitors to the area. Gray above and white below, they are sometimes confused with the mockingbird. Both birds are robin-sized and can be usually spotted alone during the winter months. So last week when I saw a fairly large gray bird perched on a nearby birch tree, I was glad I had my field glasses right there in the kitchen. The stout-hooked bill and the white wing bars eliminated the mockingbird immediately.

Last year while living in Vermont, I witnessed an incident that has left me with a definite impression of the shrike. We lived in a rural area where the closest feeder was a good three miles from my own. The station was very popular with all species of birds as the cold, long Vermont winter left little food for the avian population. I noticed a solitary gray bird perched on a post of the fence separating our land from the neighboring pasture. It was a Northern Shrike. He made a swift bee-line for the feeder and brought a surprised chickadee to the ground. A series of sharp raps to the head killed or stunned the smaller bird, which was then carried off in the shrike's talons.

I watched in amazement as the shrike carried his prey to the fence and impaled it upon the barbed wire. I had read about this sort of activity, but had never actually seen it before. The birds became more cautious at the feeder, and although I saw the shrike a number of times after that, I never saw him catch anything.

With this experience behind me, I watched the new

shrike with interest. He did not disappoint me. He left his high perch and circled over a nearby field. Then with sudden swiftness, he plummeted to the ground, then rose again and perched in another tree. I could not see if he had caught anything, but as he soon flew off in a direction away from the field, I believe he was not successful.

They are beautiful birds, despite their apparent viciousness, and I was glad to spot this one. They often wait around feeders as they know potential prey are likely to congregate there. Watch for the distinctive black eyband and the wing bars for identification.

In the spring, the shrike heads back north and makes a large nest of twigs, moss, and feathers into which the female deposits the 4 to 6 gray eggs, which are spotted with dark gray and brown.

As the winter weather makes it harder for the shrikes to find small rodents and insects to feed on, they will be turning their attention more and more to small birds. Keep a sharp lookout for these attractive birds, and you will probably be rewarded with a sighting some time this winter.

## Christmas mailing schedule

"With the Christmas shopping now officially upon us, I wish to further emphasize that many suggested overseas mailing dates, including the U.S. Armed Forces, fall due before the end of this month," Feeding Hills Postmaster Joseph P. Dahdah said. "These dates, as in past years, vary according to the different parts of the world. Specific information may be obtained by calling the Feeding Hills Post Office. The important thing to remember is to do your shopping early and mail your cards and parcels early," he said.

"In addition to planning early shopping," Postmaster Dahdah suggests, "you should take the necessary time to properly prepare your cards and gifts for mailing. Use ZIP Codes, legibly write your own ZIP-coded address and the full ZIP-coded address of the recipient."

Dahdah said, "this helps in processing your mail more rapidly and assists in making delivery in case portions of the address become illegible," he said. The Post Office also recommends proper wrapping of gifts to be mailed, including use of strong packaging materials.

## Health Board to meet

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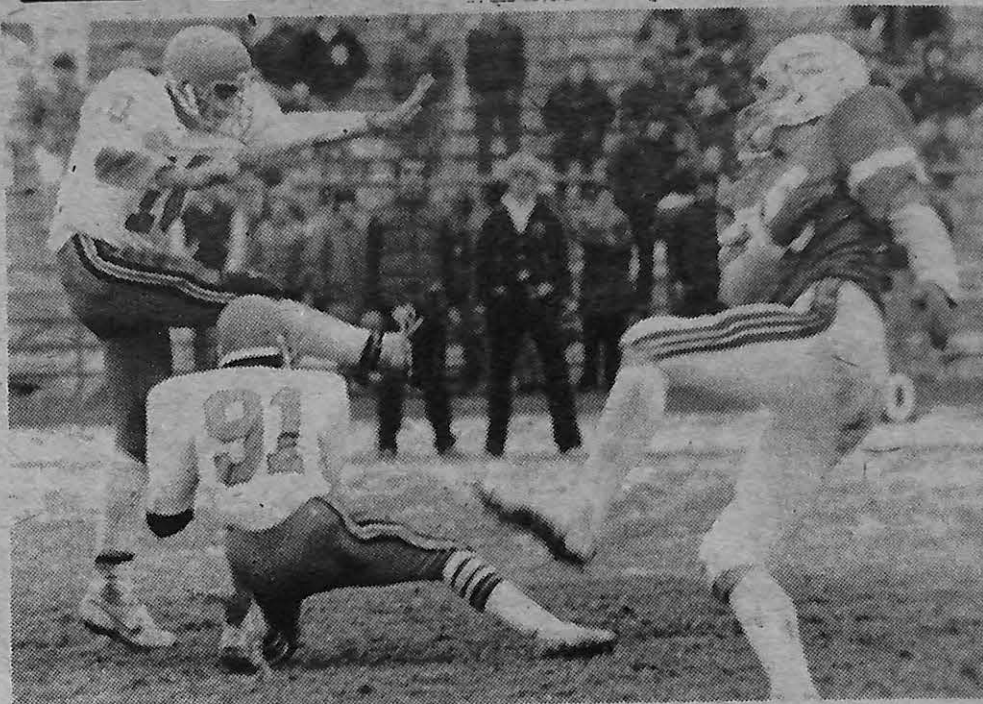
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# Sports



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## Brownies trounce West Side in season finale

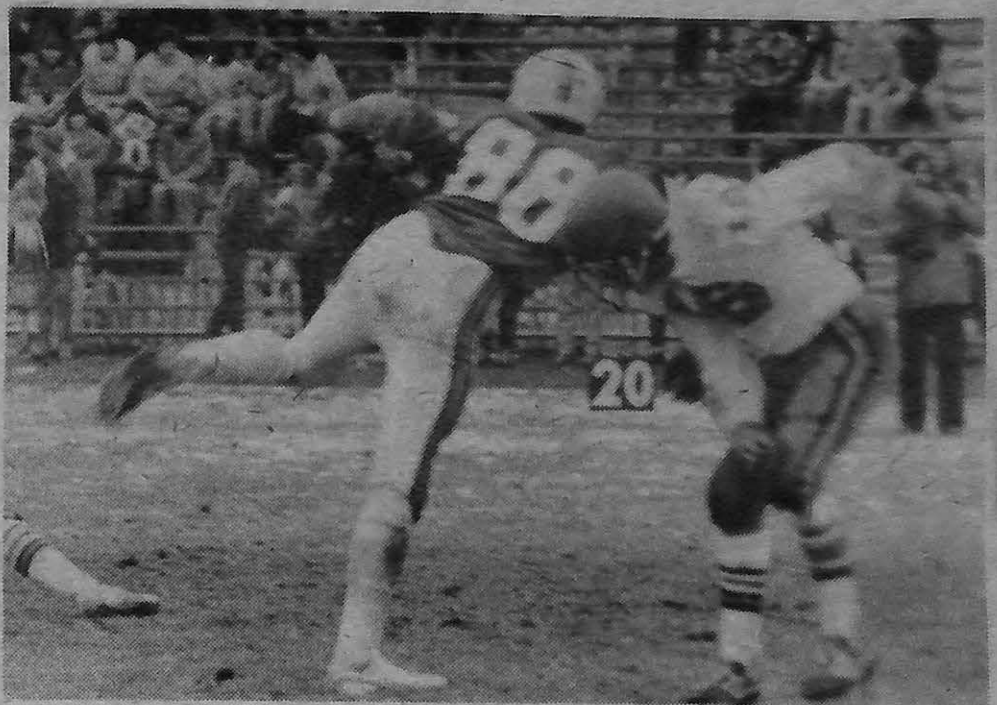
by Steve Berard

*Stand up and cheer, Stand up and cheer for dear old Agawam. For today, today we're going to rise above the rest. We are the best! Our boys are fighting, and we are sure to win the game. We got the team, we got the steam, this is dear old Agawam's day.*

This Brownie cheer was sung many a time last Thursday at Clark Field, where the Agawam Brownies trounced the West Springfield Terriers 42-6. Despite the cold, an enormous crowd gathered to watch the traditional game

between the two foes.

The Brownie attack was led by Mike B'Shara, Mario Mercadante, and Rick Leclerc. With B'Shara scoring four touchdowns, Mercadante scoring one and rushing for nearly 150 yards, and Leclerc doing a bit of everything to



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lead the Agawam team to its seventh victory against three losses, the team experienced its best record since 1966.

The Brownie scoring began in the first quarter with B'Shara plowing into the end zone from the Terrier 5.

In second quarter action, Mercadante tor through the Terrier defense, scoring on a 36-year run. Leclerc rushed in for the 2-point conversion.

The Brownies tallied one more time before the half ended with Agawam in favor 22-0.

Agawam then added another 13 points in the third quarter with B'Ahara's 3rd of four touchdowns and with a

beautiful interception by Frank Bonavita, which he ran in for the score.

The Brownies final tally came early in the fourth quarter with B'Shara bursting through from the 3.

After this score, Head Coach Jack Michalak gave many players who had seen only limited action some playing time.

The lone Terrier score came with about 4 minutes remaining in the game when they ran one in from the ten, making the final score 42-6.

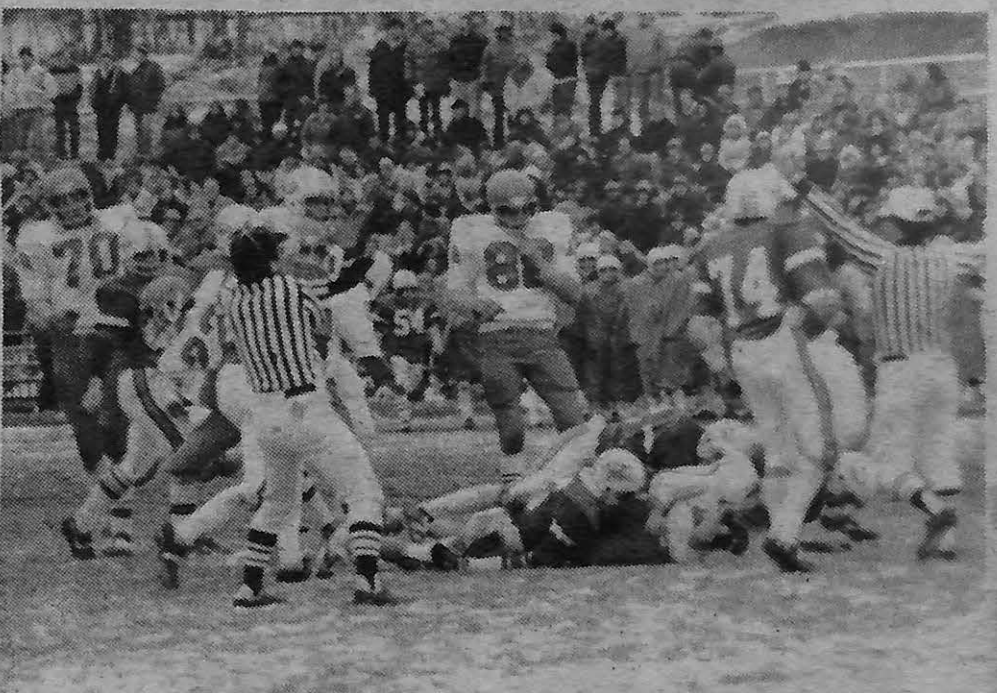
When asked about the wide margin in scoring, junior quarterback Rick Leclerc, praised, the offensive and defensive line saying, "I just

think our lines overpowered them. They played a super game."

Leclerc, who successfully kicked 4 out of 5 extra points, will return to the line-up next year, a big plus to the Brownies since more than half of the roster will be graduating this year.

When asked about the problem, Leclerc stated, "All the kids coming back are good ball players and should be a good nucleus to start out with. Hopefully, our junior varsity team will show a few surprises."

There will be a banquet held on Dec. 3 at the Polish-American Club, at which time awards will be presented.



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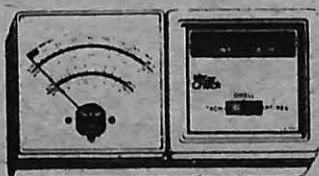
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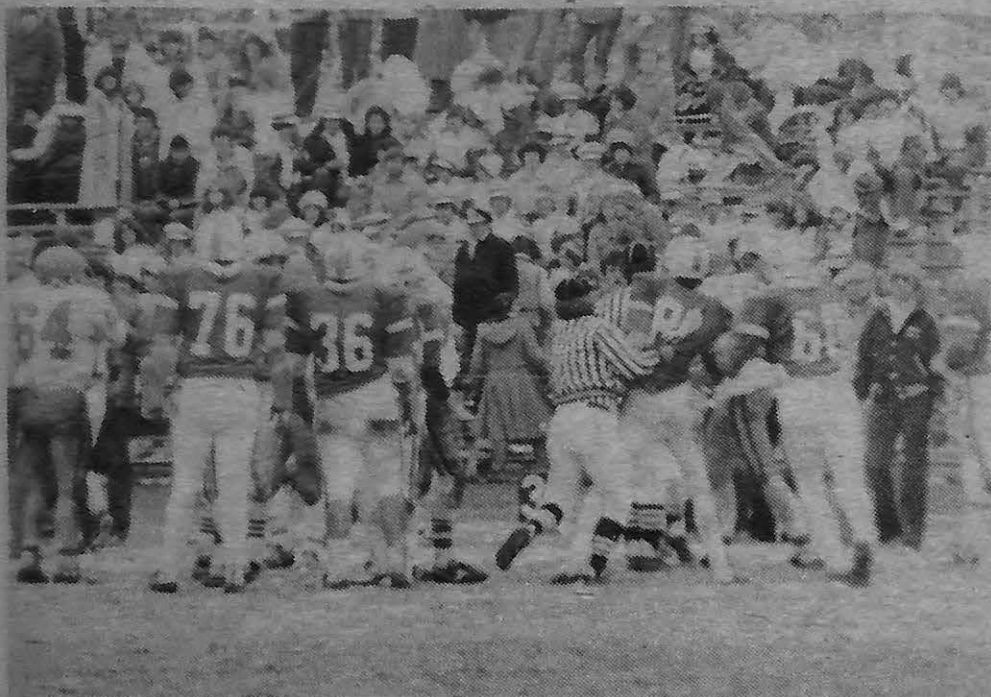
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### Hockey Association to meet

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## Moms "Cheerleaders of Yesteryear"

by Joanne Brown

This year, the annual rally for the Agawam-West-Springfield football game included an extra special attraction.

The Gridiron Moms and the Megaphone Moms, mothers of the varsity football players and cheerleaders, presented their own version of arousing spirit for Agawam in the traditional rivalry with West Side.

The "Cheerleaders of Yesteryear" were asked to participate in the rally after three of the mothers, Mrs. Sadie Ferraro, Mrs. Dot Plante, and Mrs. Marie Saracino, spontaneously joined in one of the high-kicking routines the varsity squad did following an Agawam touchdown at the Tech game.

The women were coached in their practice by Varsity Cheerleader Coach Donna Lund and by the girls themselves. The cheer they presented was an original one, devised themselves, that sounded as follows:  
"We are the mothers of the kids  
For them we do our bit  
Washing all their uniforms  
It really is the pits  
Those late night suppers we detest  
And find no time to rest  
We love them all and in our hearts  
We know they are the best  
And for our antics here today  
They all will die of shame"

But someday they'll forgive us  
When we're in the Hall of Fame."

Those mothers showing that they still have it after all these years were Jeannine Beaudette, Sadie Ferraro, Gerry Fogg, Joyce Geiger, Kay Lancour, Jeanette Mercadante, Dot Plante, Marie Saracino, Shirley Saracino, Barbara Schwein, Marie Vecchiarelli, and Linda Wojcik.

With spirit like this in their families, it's no wonder that the younger generation has done such an outstanding job for Agawam High School this year.

## Ram booters lose

by Dan Maruszczak, Jr.

The second-seeded Southwick High soccer team wound up on the short end of the stick recently, as the defending Division II champions were edged 3-2 by Smith Academy of Hatfield at Springfield College's Benedum Field.

Bi-County League champs of 1978, the Rams were contending for their second consecutive Division II crown.

"It was a very close year, a tight year. It does say something for a team that can win that many one-goal games (7)," stated Ram mentor Bob Dvorchak

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# A.A.A. Piranhas Begin New Season

by Maureen O'Brien  
Although Saturday, Nov. 18th, was a typically crisp autumn day, things were hot in the Chicopee Comp. pool. The A.A.A. Piranhas, starting off their eighth season of competitive swimming, missed out on a win by a loss margin of 10 points, the final score being Chicopee Amberjacks, 486, and Agawam Piranhas, 476. However, there was no "agony of defeat" attitude among the swimmers. It was

indeed a "triumph of victory" since, in previous contests, the Amberjacks have been one of our most challenging adversaries. We have never come closer to their score than 200 points. Ten points in competitive swimming is a mere drop in the bucket. With only two more first place finishes, the tide would have been turned.

The team has been in training at the Junior High School pool since late September. We are over 100 strong this season with many "returnees" and a large number of "first-timers." These youngsters, aged 5 to 18, practice four to five hours weekly, training in all phases of competitive swimming.

With such a rewarding experience behind them, we look forward to bigger and better things in the next 7 meets. The populace of Agawam is invited and encouraged to attend the home duels, which are held at the Junior High School pool on Saturdays from 2 to 5 p.m. The schedule of home meets is Dec. 2 with Easthampton Dec. 9 with Longmeadow January 6 with Springfield January 20 with Amherst

A huge "pat on the back" and a "keep up the good work" goes to all those who swam in the meet, especially the novice swimmers, for whom it must have been quite an experience. Following the Piranhas philosophy of "no bench warmers," all swimmers had the opportunity to participate.

The following is a list of the Piranha swimmers, the events they entered, and the places they took:

3 & UNDER BOYS: MEDLEY RELAY — P. O'Brien, B. Wesley, T. Kane, S. Amato, 1st. 25-YARD FREESTYLE — P. O'Brien, 1st. J. Welch, 3rd. C. Paltz, 4th. 25-YD. FLY — B. Wesley, 2nd. T. Kane, 3rd. D. Poggi, 50 FREESTYLE — P. O'Brien, 2nd. M. Rinaldi, 4th. T. Kand, 5th. 25-YD. BACK — F. Windolowski, 1st. S. Amato, 2nd. M. Rinaldi, 4th. 25-YD. BREAST — B. Wesley, 1st. S. Amato, 2nd. D. Karam, 3rd. 100-YD. FREE RELAY — B. Iacola, J. Welch, D. Poggi, M. Rinaldi, 1st. D. Fleury, A. Gilbert, C. Corgan, G. Corgan.

8 & UNDER GIRLS: MEDLEY RELAY — J. Scalise, C. Vivenzio, A. Talbot, A. Mathews, 1st. 25-YD. FREESTYLE — M. Wheeler, 1st. A. Murphy, 2nd. T. Rea, 3rd. 25-YD. FLY — A. Talbot, 2nd. J. Scalise, 3rd. 50-YD. FREESTYLE — A. Talbot, 2nd. L. Iacola, 3rd. A. Mathews, 5th. 25-YD. BACKSTROKE — J. Scalise, 1st. L. Iacola, 3rd. K. Shevey, 4th. 25-YD.

BREAST — C. Vivenzio, 1st. T. Rea, 100-YD. FREE RELAY — L. Iacola, K. Shevey, T. Rea, A. Mathews, 1st.

9-10 BOYS: MEDLEY RELAY: M. McGrath, J. McLean, J. Wheeler, M. Smidt, 2nd. 50-YARD FREESTYLE: J. Wheeler, 1st. M. McGrath, 4th. M. Smidt, 100-YARD BACKSTROKE: J. Wheeler, 1st. D. Beaudet, 5th. J. Schmidt, 50-YARD BREAST: J. McLean, 2nd. D. Chapdelaine, 100-YARD FREE RELAY: D. Chapdelaine, L. Rinaldi, M. Smidt, M. McGrath, 2nd. D. Beaudet, M. nowacki, S. Hazen, J. Schmidt, 3rd. 50-YARD FREE: L. Rinaldi, 2nd. J. McLean, 4th. S. Hazen, 5th.

9-10 GIRLS: MEDLEY RELAY: H. Matthews, C. Talbot, R. LeClair, C. Briggs, 2nd. D. Fleury, A. Stitzinger, L. Platz, S. Murphy, 100-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: C. Talbot, 2nd. H. Matthews, 3rd. J. Knowles, 5th. 50-YARD FREE: C. Briggs, 1st. A. Vacirca, 4th. L. Paltz, 5th. 50-YARD FLY:

H. Matthews, 2nd. R. LeClair, 100-YARD FREE: R. LeClair, 2nd. S. Murphy, 5th. P. Podgorski, 50-YARD BACK: S. Murphy, 1st. A. Stitzinger, 5th. C. Podgorski, 50-YARD BREAST: C. Talbot, 2nd. J. Knowles, 4th. 100-YARD FREE RELAY: K. Kasperak, A. Vacirca, S. Murphy, J. Knowles, 1st. D. Fleury, A. Stitzinger, J. Andrews, C. Landry, 3rd.

11-12 BOYS: 200-YD MEDLEY RELAY: P. Talbot, F. Depka, K. Ritchie, S. Melanson, 2nd. 200-YD. INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: K. Ritchie, 2nd. 50-YD. FREE: S. Melanson, 3rd. K. Burton, 5th. 50-YD. FLY: K. Ritchie, 3rd. B. Binnekade, 4th. 100-YD. FREE: P. Talbot, 2nd. S. Melanson, 3rd. F. Depka, 5th. 50-YD. BACK: P. Talbot, 1st. F. Bowry, 3rd. 50-YD. BREAST: F. Depka, 2nd. F. Bowry, 4th. B. Binnekade, 5th.

11-12 GIRLS: 200 YARD MEDLEY RELAY: D. Wheeler, K. Cascio, N. Dickman, K. Smuss, 2nd. K. Briggs, S. Gilda, D. Wesley, K. Nolan, 200 YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: N. Dickman, 1st. K. Kudelski, 5th. T. Hazen, 50 YARD FREE: K. Cascio, 1st. K. Smuss, 2nd. T. Hazen, 5th. 50 YARD FLY: D. Wesley, 3rd. 100 YARD FREE: D. Wheeler, 2nd. K. Smuss, 4th. K. Criggs, 5th. 50 YARD BACK: D. Wheeler, 2nd. M. Gray, 5th. K. Nolan, 5th. 50 YARD BREAST: M. Gray, 2nd. K. Cascio, 4th. D. Wesley, 5th. 200 FREE RELAY: K. Nolan, M. Gray, T. Hazen, K. Kudelski, 1st. K. Emery, L. Fratini, S. Gilda, K. Briggs.

13-14 BOYS: 200 YARD MEDLEY RELAY: J. Gilda, P. Smuss, E. McLean, C. Ritchie, 2nd. 200 YARD

FREE: C. Ritchie, 3rd. 200 YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: E. McLean, 2nd. 50 YARD FREE: P. Podgorski, 3rd. G. Frantini, 5th. 100 YARD FLY: E. McLean, 2nd. P. Smuss, 3rd. 100 YARD FREE: C. Ritchie, 1st. S. Gilda, 3rd. G. Frantini, 5th. 100 YARD BACK: S. Gilda, 3rd. M. Hazen, 4th. C. Kulik, 5th. 100 YARD BREAST: P. Podgorski, 2nd. P. Smuss, 3rd. R. Frame, 200 YARD FREE RELAY: P. Podgorski, G. Frantini, R. Frame, M. Hazen. 13-14 GIRLS: 200 YARD MEDLEY RELAY: L. Gray, D. Melanson, D. Sambrook, T. Lucia, 2nd. 200 YARD FREE: T. Lucia, 1st. R. Iacola, 5th. G. Iacola, 200 YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: D. Sambrook, 2nd. 50 YARD FREE: L. Gray, 2nd. C. Santegate, 5th. N. Stitaenger, 100 YARD FREE: T. Lucia, 1st. G. Santegate, 3rd. M. Stitzenger, 5th. 100 YARD BACK: R. Iacola, 3rd. S. Brittain, 100 YARD BREAST: D. Sambrook, 1st. D. Melanson, 3rd. K. Wesley, 4th. 200 YARD FREE RELAY: M. Stitzenger, K. Wesley, S. Brittain, C. Santegate, 2nd. 15-18 GIRLS: 200 YARD FREE: A. Iacola, 1st. 200 YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: M. Dickman, 1st. 50 YARD FREE: N. Ritchie, 1st. 100 YARD FREE: N. Ritchie, 1st. A. Iacola, 2nd. L. Richardson, 3rd. 100 YARD BACK: K. Vangsness, 1st. 100 YARD BREAST: M. Dickman, 1st. K. Vangsness, 2nd. L. Richardson, 3rd. 200 YARD FREE RELAY: A. Iacola, M. Dickman, L. Richardson, N. Ritchie.

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Concerned with good prenatal care and the prevention of birth defects, the Childbirth Education Association of Greater Springfield and the Pioneer Chapter of the National Foundation March of Dimes have jointly provided funding for an Early Pregnancy Seminar to be conducted by the C.E.A. on the first Thursday of every month from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the Providence Hospital.

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## Sportsmen's Corner

by Bill Chiba

The Recreation Vehicle Industry projects an increase of 13% in shipments on 1979 over 1978. The American people are still infatuated with the travel craze. Instead of tapering off because of the high cost of gasoline and other sundries necessary for traveling.

According to RVIA, the lead in the upswing for 1979 shipments are fifth-wheel travel trailers, estimated to increase 29%. Type A motor homes are predicted to follow closely with a 27% jump over 1978 shipments in that group. Calculations for Type B motor homes place them at an 8% rise over this year, thus judging shipments for all motor homes to be up 21% next year.

The forecasting procedure developed by the newly-formed RVIA Market Analysis Committee takes into consideration industry opinion, econometric forecasting techniques, and an analysis of trends, according to John Agno, chairman of the RVIA Market Analysis Committee.

## A FIRST

On Monday, Nov. 6, a 9 1/4 pound adult female Atlantic salmon was found dead in the Essex Dam fish ladder at Lawrence, Mass. This was probably one of the salmon introduced into the Mad River at Campton in 1975. The 31-inch fish would have worked its way down from the White Mountain stream in the Pemigawasset River, the Merrimack River, and the Atlantic Ocean. After growing to adulthood at sea, its natural homing instinct would drive the fish to return to its freshwater home to spawn. The salmon is still being studied and more info is



forthcoming.

## A REMINDER

The regular deer season will open Monday, Dec. 4th and run through Saturday, Dec. 9th. The law requires you to wear 200 square inches of fluorescent red on your head and shoulders. In the past, the wardens overlooked the lack of color and the necessary square inches. This season, it will be different. A citation will be issued and you will pay \$20 to the court for the violation. In the past, the game officer did not want to be bothered to go to court with the complaint. Now, this isn't necessary, and he will readily issue the ticket. It is simple; get on the ball or pay the court.

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## Southwick field hockey team downed by West Side

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

The West Springfield girls' field hockey team downed Southwick High recently in a barn-burner, 2-1.

The contest kept fans on the edge of their seats as Terrier Cindy Palmer and Cathy Line scored the pair of West Side tallies, leading the Terriers to the semi's in Western Mass. tourney play.

West Side's victory over Southwick made its mark on schoolboy records, marking West Side's first time escaping elimination in quarterfinal action.

In earlier action, the Ram girls downed Mohawk Trail in overtime, 2-1, in the first round of competition.



## Touching All Bases

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

New England's leading duckpinners recently got together for the New England Classic Tour in Johnston, R.I., with some area bowlers coming out on top among the group of New England's finest pro bowlers.

Ray Dumont, an area bowler, outlasted a field of 96 to place second at the Town Hall Lanes in duckpin competition. Dumont, who bowls out of Lowell, Mass., has competed in tourneys in the Western Mass. area.

Dumont took a purse of \$1,000 home to win the title match, defeating Cal Tinti of Connecticut, 152 - 126.

Congratulations out to the Agawam High football team for their recent victory over West Springfield. Also a fanfare out to first-year Brownie mentor Jack Michalak, who piloted the Brownies to their best season in the past decade.

Another person deserving a round of applause is Agawam High band director, Darcy Davis. Under Davis' hard work and endeavors, the band provided superb entertainment, home and away, at Brownie grid contests. Best wishes out to Davis and all members of the Agawam High Band and Color Guard.

World Hockey Association execs recently decided on a settlement compensating hockey junior clubs for the signing of underage players by the WHA.

The new terms of the settlement state that each underage player must receive payment of \$40,000, which is presently the sum the NHL pays for a graduating player.

If the NHL has been using this system regularly, it's about time the WHA got in the act. Anyway, most junior players wouldn't make NHL status right out of high school. It seems to me that this new system will start a new form of a stepping stone for players planning to make the NHL ranks.

## ACROSS THE BLUE LINE

Three weeks and counting 'til the Brownie stickmen take to the ice...Once again, Bill Sapelli will be at the helm for the 1978 Fay Division victors...One minor change for this season - Agawam will be competing in the Berry Division, along with WM powers Cathedral and Classical...If the Brownies can come out winners in Berry remains to be seen.

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November 29, 1978  
Cub Scout Pack 78  
Meeting  
Polish American Club  
7:00 p.m.

November 30, 1978  
Agawam Juniors  
Sweater Party  
Capt. Leonard House  
7:30 p.m.

December 2, 1978  
St. John's Church  
Christmas Bazaar  
Church Parish Center  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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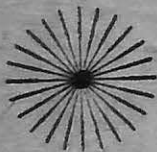
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7 p.m.

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Agawam Auxiliary Police  
Annual Banquet  
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December 7, 1978  
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Jaycees Bloodmobile  
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Southwick booters Bob Slate and Steve Neilson scored the Rams' only pair of goals in the second period, sending Southwick High into the half at a 2-0 advantage.

Smith Academy netminder John Woodward was beaten halfway through the second period, when Ram Steve Neilson smashed a line-drive from mid-field past Smith's Woodward. Southwick's second tally came shortly after Neilson's, as Southwick's Bob Slate drew Woodward out of the net for a quick goal two minutes after Neilson's mark.

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"We were to the point where we thought we had it all wrapped up, but against us, they just exploded," Dvorchak quipped, referring to the impending doom in the third period.

Tim Sheehan of the Academy clicked his 18th goal of the season early in the third, while teammate Tom

Mullins followed suit later in the same frame.

Smith striker Sheehan beat Southwick goaltender Ron Hall from 10 feet out to put the Falcons on the scoreboard. Mullins acknowledged Hall's formal invitation for a tally later in the third when the Falcon booter caught Hall offguard, slipping a pass from John Jackowski into the net.

Rainy weather, combined with strong shooting, contributed to the difficulty of the Southwick goalie, as well as the Academy keeper, according to Dvorchak.

"They were drilling some shots at the goalies. The ball would bounce quickly at about 10 feet in front of the net and would not change direction at all. You really have to give credit to the goalies."

Mullins assisted Sheehan early in the final period for the game-winner, which sent Smith Academy to the Eastern Mass. finals. Sheehan made it a pair for the day, baging #18 and #19 in the championship contest.

Senior Ram fullback John English summed up the season in part saying, "It was really an excellent year, considering what we were supposed to do. We lost all but one starter from last year. We only had four people coming back from last year's team."

Southwick finished the 1978 season at a 14-3-1 mark, while top-seeded Smith Academy was 19-1 after the Division II triumph.

Looking ahead to next season, Dvorchak sees openings for new starters since many seniors are going on to college ranks.

"We'll have room for about six or seven new players, with four on the starting team. There are also some outstanding sophomores coming up who should make a stronger nucleus of guys."

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## YMCA Offers Jazz Dance

The Springfield YMCA will be offering a Jazz Dance Program beginning Nov. 28th.

This 3-week beginner program will meet twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., and is open for members as well as non-members. Proper dance attire is required.

For more information, contact Tina at the YMCA, 739-6951.

# Welcome To My World

by Charles J. Duclos

There's something about a hometown band that makes you want to shout. There's something about a hometown band that brings the neighbors out. Your sister may be a mojomette, your brother may play in the band, etc." Remember that song?

Thanksgiving eve saw many of the townsfolk at Agawam High School tapping our feet and fingers and feeling our blood race with the beat of the band, under the direction of Darcy Davis.

From the pulsating entrance march of *On Winconsin* through routines from the musical *West Side Story*, we were entranced for sixty wonderful minutes.

Intermingled in the program's offerings were precision flag routines, performed by members of the color guard. In addition, creative dance numbers to the popular tunes played were rendered by young ladies in a manner reminiscent of Jackie Gleason's June Taylor Dancers.

Aiding Mr. Davis in coordinating the evening's music were his assistant Daniel Melbourne as well as Lisa Fogg and Kenneth Mallette, band president. Charles Withee, with support from the band, gave a rendition of *My Way* on the fluegelhorn.

An added treat was the appearance of alumni(ae) of

the band, performing in concert with the regular members. Mr. Davis was able to trace some of these artists as far back as the 1950's. In at least two instances, these "oldies, but goodies" have made their greatest contribution to the present-day band-their offspring.

Former color guard members were also present and performed with the present members.

Leaving the school's parking lot that night with a spine-tingling sensation, we were ready for the challenge of the morrow's Booster Club breakfast, football game, and the greatest challenge of them all — carving the turkey.

Almost 400 persons attended the first annual Football Booster Club breakfast, held at Agawam High School prior to the Thanksgiving Day game between the Brownies and West Side.

Al Bonavita, chairman of the event, was most impressed and pleased with the turnout and with the number of alumni(ae) and former players who showed between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. to host the players and cheerleaders.

Spirited comments and good wishes were extended by Dr. Ernest Cannava, superintendent of schools; David Theodorowicz, principal of Agawam High; Clifford Kibbe, director of athletics. Also present were

State Representative Edward Connolly, Town Council members Robert DeForge and Kenneth Barnes, and School Committeeman Richard Borgatti.

Cliff Kibbe manned a ticket booth from 6:30 a.m., giving Agawam residents an edge at the game. This was well-appreciated upon seeing the long lines at West Side's field.

Lending their culinary expertise in the kitchen were members of the Agawam Lions Club, headed by Frank Criscola.

In addition to Al Bonavita, Jerry Mason, Joe Pisano, Robert Striniste, Anthony Saracino, William Kosick, and Roland Mercadante, a unified, small "army" of talent made this a huge success.

Trophies for the best backfield and lineman football players for Agawam were to be presented at the end of the game.

Any man or woman interested in joining the Boosters is welcome. Just contact Al Bonavita at 786-5463. Your support is needed.

Congratulations are in order to the recipients of the Agawam Football Boosters Club Award. Voted upon at the end of the Agawam-West Springfield game, the presentations went to lineman Jerry Mason and backfielder Mario Mercadante for outstanding contributions to their team's 42-6 victory over West Side.

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## Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



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These plants are succulents, although they are truly relatives of the very first cactus to appear on the face of the earth. Their origin is Brazil, for the most part, and they all make very good house plants.

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where they very much enjoy being kept in warm weather.

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Our vegetable gardening days are just about over for this year, but this is no time to forget about your garden. Many magazines have ads for garden catalogs to send for. Most of these catalogs are free. This is one of the best ways to eliminate guessing and problems next year in the vegetable garden.

Send for these catalogs and dream. While you are lost in thought, you may just solve a problem or two and will probably come up with a better-planned garden to boot. It is a whole lot easier to plant that vegetable garden from your living room easy chair than it is on your hands and knees, so don't let your eyes and taste buds get bigger than the hours you have in the day when spring comes. Keep your garden compact and productive.

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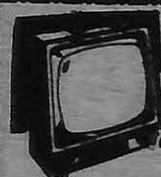
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